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FOR SCICOUNS

REQUEST EMBASSY DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM GANLEY TO
AYKAZYAN (LETTER WITH THIS TEXT FOLLOWS FOR THE RECORD):

BEGIN QUOTE. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP IN
RESOLVING A RECEIVING SIDE PAYS DIFFICULTY WHICH HAS
BROUGHT ALL JOINT ACTIVITY IN MICROBIOLOGY TO A HALT. AT
THE THIRD MEETING OF THE MICROBIOLOGY WORKING GROUP, HELD
JUNE 10-12, 1974, IN WASHINGTON, BOTH SIDES WENT ON
RECORD FAVORING ADOPTION OF RECEIVING SIDE PAYS ARRANGE-
MENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH JOINT COMMISSION DIRECTIVES.
THAT MEETING ALSO AGREED THAT MANY CONFERENCES SHOULD BE
HELD, THE FIRST OF WHICH WAS TO HAVE BEEN ONE IN THE USSR
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IN SEPTEMBER 1974 ON ENZYMES (PROJECT 4 ITEM 6.1). THE

SOVIET PROJECT COORDINATOR, BEREZIN, TOLD THE US PROJECT COORDINATOR, TSAO, IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION NOVEMBER 28, THAT THE USSR HAD A PROBLEM WITH RECEIVING SIDE PAYS IN THIS CASE AND THAT HE WOULD ASK THE SOVIET WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN, SHENDEREY, TO SUGGEST TO YOU THAT

THE MATTER BE DISCUSSED WITH THE US SECRETARIAT. SINCE THEN WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING FROM BEREZIN, SHENDEREY, OR YOURSELF. FURTHERMORE, WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REPLIES TO OUR INVITATIONS TO HOLD CONFERENCES IN THE US ON INDUSTRIAL MICROORGANISMS (PROJECT 3 ITEM 1.1) ON MAY 3 AND ON SENSOR DEVELOPMENT (PROJECT 2 ITEM 1.1) ON AUGUST 13-15. PERHAPS THESE DELAYS ARE ALSO RELATED TO UNCERTAINTY ON YOUR SIDE CONCERNING RECEIVING SIDE PAYS. IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE IF THE MAY DATE SLIPPED BECAUSE IT WAS TIMED TO FOLLOW A MEETING IN NEW YORK OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MICROBIOLOGY.

WE WERE WILLING TO ACCEDE TO SOVIET WISHES AND THEREFORE AGREED TO ADOPT RECEIVING SIDE PAYS ARRANGEMENTS FOR MICROBIOLOGY ACTIVITIES. IN GENERAL AS YOU KNOW WE PREFER SENDING SIDE PAYS AND WOULD BE WILLING TO REOPEN THE QUESTION FOR MICROBIOLOGY IF THAT WOULD HELP TO PERMIT EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORKING GROUPS PLANS.

YOUR EARLY ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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